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A. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

25X1 1. The objective of this annex is to review the organization, operations, and administration of the Civil Air Transport Company (CAT), and related organizations. The overall structure is usually called the CAT Complex. While CAT is administered as a special activity by the Deputy Director (Support), it is the Agency's [REDACTED] support facility for clandestine air operations. Major emphasis of the survey was directed to the relationship between the project and the operating components.

25X1 2. During the inspection we interviewed all key officials of the project, appropriate officials in the Office of the Deputy Director (Support), the Development Projects Division, and the Far East (FE) Division. [REDACTED]

25X1 [REDACTED] The survey was in sufficient depth to provide a comprehensive picture of the basic operations which had not previously been inspected. [REDACTED]

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25X1 [ ] Since the degree to which CAT employees are witting of U.S. Government interest varies, we asked the company's security officer to accompany us. We limited our substantive interviews to witting Americans, [ ]

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4. The need for change in the Agency's air support activity in Southeast Asia (SEA) has been commented on by a number of persons both in the Agency and in CAT. Our own views were made known as the survey progressed and action has already been started to correct some of the problems which were noted. One example is a DPD cable of 16 December 1961 describing plans to increase the effectiveness of air support to Agency projects in SEA. The Deputy Director (Support) and the Assistant Deputy Director (Support) are taking prompt measures to make the airline more responsive to requirements from the Clandestine Services. Although we are aware of the steps recently taken, it would not be feasible to delay this report by rewriting sections to reflect actions in progress.

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5. On 7 November 1961, at the conclusion of the inspection of the field facilities, a representative of the inspection team met CAT's president [ ] There is nothing in this report which has not already been discussed in substance with either, or both, of these officers. We have also discussed major conclusions with the DD/S and the Assistant DD/S.

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